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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S AUCTION SET FOR SATURDAY Hundreds of Items from Vehicles to Laptop Computers to be Offered on Auction Block

Vehicles, furniture, electronics, computers, tools, CDs, DVDs and jewelry are among the hundreds of items that will be for sale at the Public Administrator's Personal Property Auction on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the County Operations Annex in Kearny Mesa.

The event will feature a wide variety of assets from more than 25 Superior Court-appointed decedent and conservatorship estates managed by the County's Public Administrator/Public Guardian. "This auction is an opportunity for San Diego County residents to find tremendous bargains on hard-to-find collectable items and everyday household items while benefiting the estates we administer," said Public Administrator Patricia Frosio. "From Bose speakers to beanie babies, musical instruments to snow boards and everything in between, this auction has something for everyone."

Nearly 30 vehicles are slated for sale and will be presented for inspection from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 from at 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite A in San Diego, the location of Saturday's auction. Registration and viewing of all other items will commence at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Vehicles will be auctioned at 8:30 a.m. and all other items will follow. Customers are required to both pay for and pick up the auction property by 3 p.m. that day.

The County's Public Administrator is charged with investigating and administering the estates of persons who die with no will or without an appropriate person willing or able to act as an administrator. In FY 2002-03, the office received more than 1,500 decedent referrals and managed the affairs of 300-400 estates at any given time. Also serving as Public Guardian, this County official investigates conservatorship matters and serves as the legally appointed guardian for elderly and disabled persons found by the Court to be unable to provide for their own care. The office oversees over \$40 million in estate assets.

The personal property estate sales are held on the third Saturday of odd-number months. For additional information about items available for sale, please visit the department's Web site at www.papg.org or call (858) 694-3500.

Editor's note: Members of the media are invited to preview the auction items on Friday. Please call Patricia Frosio at (858) 694-3516 to make arrangements.